

field. In addition to E&P projects, the capacity of Dahej LNG Terminal is being expanded from 5 MMTPA to 10 MMTPA. The 5 MMTPS Dabhol LNG Terminal would be fully operational in 2009. Also the 2.5 MMTPA Kochi LNG Terminal, with provision of expansion of 5 MMTPA, would be commissioned by 2009-10. The total LNG capacity is projected to increase to 23.75 MMTPA (83MMSCMD).

(d) Given the status and progress of the domestic and import projects, the supply is expected to increase significantly during the Eleventh plan and would, to a great extent, bridge the gap between demand and supply.

Low budget tourist hotels

1450. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether middle class tourists are experiencing great difficulty in locating hotels within their limits at cities like Chandigarh where the stay for a night costs Rs. 2,000 and above per room for two;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to make available low budget tourist hotels to attract tourists; and

(c) the names of the hotels at Chandigarh costing less than Rs. 1000?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. There are many low cost hotels and Guest Houses in Chandigarh.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has asked all the State Governments and other land owning agencies including Indian Railways to allocate land for building hotels especially in the budget category. Ministry of Tourism also has a scheme "Incentive to Accommodation Infrastructure" under which subsidy of 10% of the principal loan is given to the hotel of budget and low-budget categories, subject to a maximum assistance of Rs. 25 lakh for one star hotels; Rs. 50 lakh for 2 star hotels and Rs. 75 lakh for 3 star hotels. Further, in order to increase the number of rooms in the budget category, Ministry of tourism has a scheme for the approval of Guesthouses and Incredible India Bed & Breakfast establishments. The State Governments have been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, permitting

extra commercial usage in the hotels etc., so that the Budget Hotels are promoted.

(c) The names of some of the hotels in Chandigarh costing less than Rs. 1000 are Amar, Alankar, Chandigarh, Divyadeep, Gravity, Jullundur, Samrat and Satyadeep.

Development of tourist places in Ajmer and Pushkar region

†1451. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent proposals to the Central Government for development of tourist places in Ajmer and Pushkar region;

(b) whether these proposals also include the proposal of cleaning and conservation of famous Tirathraj Pushkar lake and cleanliness of world known Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti's Dargah area and maintenance, of its nearby roads and construction of a Vishram Sthal; and

(c) the details of the decision taken by the Central Government on the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs.434.04 lakh has been sanctioned for Integrated Development of Pushkar in District Ajmer in the year 2005-06.

Following projects have been prioritized for the State of Rajasthan in the year 2006-07.

Destination

1. Ajmer Sharif
2. Jaisalmer

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